

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KNOWLE GOLF CLUB

On Friday 9th December 2016 at 09.30am

Present:

Sue Johns	SJ	Rosemary Fife	RF
Angie Frith	AF	Di Yates	DY
Gill Prophet	GP	Mary Groves	MG
Debbie Dardis	DD	Marian Crewe	MC

ACTION

1. Apologies – Carol Kirkwood

2. Minutes of Meeting of 23rd September – Agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

Gill has purchased the silver ball markers and given these out to previous Foursomes winners from 2012 onwards who had not received them previously.

4. Minutes of AGM and any matters arising

Draft minutes were agreed and are posted on the website. We will look into the CONGU rules for foursomes draws in time for the next AGM. Thanks to Su Worthington from Bristol and Clifton for donating numbered counters for next year's draw, which will make it much easier.

5. Chairman's Report

Firstly, welcome to Rosemary, who already knows much about the running of the Alliance and takes on the running of the prestigious West of England Championship. Many thanks once again to all for the efficiency with organising the AGM, your patience and determination to make it successful. As a very new committee I feel we did an excellent job and we know that next year it will run even more smoothly.

The feedback from ladies around the room was positive and complimentary as they acknowledged that we had addressed their points from the year before, reflected in the lack of questions for us to cope with this year.

The follow up with possible replacements for Di and Mary was brilliant, so well done to both, but they must always be on call for help with history, refereeing etc., as they are such a valuable asset.

I am going to put another Christmas message on the website this weekend, but I wanted to ensure that I could cover any points that we wish to get across to all members of the Alliance. I will also add a few of the pictures which are cropped and ready to go.

With Carol Kirkwood now willing to do the results I feel we are certainly spreading the load, thank you Marian for being so active in enrolling others in your committee member role - now to be named Trophy Organiser extraordinaire.

There is a lot to do with regard to the website if we wish to completely update it, but perhaps I can meet with Angie's son to help with that process, as once going we should enable it to be easier for several of us to maintain, rather than leave it on one person's shoulders. Helping with the GLCGA's website more at the moment and I am hopefully enabling others to access it with confidence, therefore spreading the load more evenly.

SJ/AF

6. Secretary's Report

League

The information for the packs to the Ladies' Captains of each club is collated and ready to be sent. This includes -

- List of committee contact details
- List of the Ladies' Captains' contact details
- List of Team Captains' contact details
- Covering letter which will be finalised after this meeting

The meeting discussed the merits of e-mailing to all rather than posting and agreed that we would trial it this year. The post can be very erratic and also the packs can get lost within the club post. I have checked all the addresses by sending a test e-mail to see if any bounce back. I will explain in the e-mail and request an acknowledgement, offering a hard copy to be sent if required. This will also save on printing and postage costs. **AF**

The fixtures dates for all teams have been received now and the spreadsheet is ready to be uploaded to the website. **DD**

Scratch & Handicap Foursomes

The draw sheet is complete and Debbie has published to the website.

The finals on 10th and provisional 17th September 2017 will be difficult at Bath as there is a big mixed event on that day. Other provisional venues are being sought, so each committee member to ask at their club, ensuring there is no clash with coursework, and feed back to Angie. **ALL**

Rules and Regulations – updated versions for the league and foursomes following the changes ratified at the 2016 AGM are now on the website.

Opens

We have only been notified of three Opens this year, so discussed whether it was worth creating a link in our website again this year and decided against it. I will write to the three clubs. **AF**

7. Treasurer's Report

Gill reported £1,666.85 in current account, £3,441.21 in deposit account and £103.22 in petty cash. Cheques made payable to BDLGA are acceptable.

8. Championship Secretary's Report

The Championship is now booked at Bath for 11th June 2017. The entry form changes were agreed at the meeting and Angie will make the changes to the master copy to be posted on the website. Further to the discussion at the June 2016 meeting, it was agreed that a player can only win one trophy and one prize, in line with England Golf and Somerset County guidelines for their major competitions. **AF**

Rosemary will write to the new Club Manager at Bath requesting that we continue to hold the championship at Bath for the next three years, and negotiating a price for this. **RF**

Rosemary will follow up with James Fearn at the University of Bath re sponsorship and accommodation opportunities. **RF**

9. Website Organiser's Report

I have uploaded to the website –

- 2016 Draft AGM Minutes
- 2017 divisions and match dates

- Both League & Foursomes Rules and Regulations adopted at the 2016 AGM
- 2017 Scratch and Handicap Foursomes draw information
- 2017 Harper Salver poster and entry form, which will be updated after this meeting

Carol Kirkwood from Clevedon Golf Club has offered to take on the role of BDLGA Results Coordinator. The new job description is being discussed and will be agreed after Carol has started to establish how the remaining role can be managed. DD/SJ/AF/

Photographs of new committee members are to be taken and uploaded onto the website. SJ

Chairman's reports and team reports and photographs to be uploaded. SJ

A folder with all the web management and results management information will be passed to Carol, this to include a memory stick with all website documents current and archived.

I have just paid sitemaker, the website owner, the £72 annual fee. It was agreed that the domain ownership should be transferred to the Chair. DD/SJ

I will remain on hand to support Carol and Angie should I be needed.

10. Discussion on query from last season re players not turning up

Last year, one team felt that they may have been compromised at a match when they had swapped team sheets with the opposing team, but then one of the opposing team members did not turn up and it subsequently turned out that she had forgotten. This scenario is covered under the Rule 7(iv) as the team sheets were exchanged and the team captain was obviously unaware that one of her players was not coming. This is a different scenario to the opposing team knowingly turning up with less than a full team which is covered under Rule 4(iv), when additional penalties can be imposed by the committee. We discussed subtracting an additional point from the team in the latter instance.

In order to clarify this, it was agreed that Angie would add a reminder to the letter which is due to be sent out, reminding team captains to check with their players the night before and to ensure that all the team are present or are on their way before exchanging team sheets. AF

Sue will go back to the club who have queried this to clarify the situation. SJ

11. AOB

We showed our thanks to Ryan at Knowle Golf Club for his help and hospitality for our meetings and the AGM with a bottle of wine and luxury biscuits.

The two new County Representative candidates (Ruth Hughes and Zena Balcombe) will be invited to the next meeting. DY/MG

As we are one team down this year we discussed approaching clubs to see if any want to join or field another team, but they would need to be within the catchment area. To watch and wait.

12. Date of meetings for 2017 – all at Knowle Golf Club

- Monday 13th March
- Friday 2nd June
- Friday 15th September

The meeting closed at 11.10pm.